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ASCENDING STAR

The rapidly ascending star of Appomattox's Watkins M. Abbitt as an influencial member of Congress is being followed with considerable pride by the Times-Virginian. We were among his original backers for election as Congressman, and we told the voters of the district he would make the kind of Congressman they "would want to elect again and again and again." It now seems that verdict is unanimous in his district. We quote below an editorial from the Blackstone Courier-Record, another strong Abbitt supporter:

"THE MAN CALLED ABBITT

"We are rather glad that this is not a congressional election year, for if it were, we are quite sure that these remarks would be put down as political fodder designed to gain support for our member of Congress, if he had opposition. But since this is not an election year, we can speak freely and frankly.

"The top man in Washington in the House of Representatives, as far as the alphabetical list is concerned, is the man called 'Abbitt' from Virginia's famous Fourth Congressional District. And from what we can see at this distance from Washington, he may be gaining more and more strength and stature.

We are now referring to his efforts to get a few of the able bodied volunteers of the armed forces out of arm-chair jobs and into the line of active service. He has just sent a letter to Secretary of Defense George C. Marshall pointing out among other things that he thinks a survey to see if military manpower cannot be released from 'housekeeping' office work is most desirable.

"Mr. Abbitt says that he has heard unofficially that the military has more personnel in the Pentagon today than it had at the height of World War II. It might well be, he said, that greater economy in military manpower could be obtained by using more civilians and limited service personnel for office work.

"'I am wondering,' he wrote General Marshall, 'if there are not a number of physically fit and trained personnel being used at the Pentagon and elsewhere as chauffeurs, office workers and handy men more or less, and if these positions could not be filled by women or men who are not physically fit for full military duties.'

"Mr. Abbitt went on to point out that potential military manpower is relatively scarce due to the high standards set by the armed forces and to the comparatively small group with which they have to choose from. 'With this in mind,' he added, 'it seems that a revaluation of personnel would be made by the Defense Department.' He continued:

'Lower standards wherever possible should be adopted as to mental capacity, and certainly some of our manpower in the approved group with minor deficiencies could be used in the so-called housekeeping work of the department, thus allowing able-bodied, physically fit and well-trained personnel of the armed forces to be counted among the field forces.'

"Such an effort by Mr. Abbitt smacks of statesmanship, as we see it, and we think the gentleman from Appomattox is to be highly congratulated on his effort. Virginia's own Congressional District has always had a leader in Washington as its Representative."

SURVEY MADE ON SPENDING HABITS

(Extension Service)

How do farm families spend their money?

A recent survey of some 20 rural families in the Shenandoah Valley gives indicative answers:

Food was the number one expense. The food supply ranged from $15.30 for one person for a week, to a low of 24c for one person for one week. Half the families spent $2.00 or more for one person for one week for food.

Fruit for canning, and bread, were two items bought by many of the families, although a majority bought the ready-made mixes for making bread.

Some improvements were made on the houses last year. One family spent over $1,354, and over half of the families reported spending as much as $100.

Clothing was not an expensive item for most of the families. The largest amount spent by the homemaker was $216, and the lowest was $9.25. Over half spent less than $85 for clothing. Generally, men spent less, ranging from $1.50 to $100. Over half the men spent less than $65 for clothing. Clothing for children was a more important item, with costs ranging from $3.35 to $270, and one-third of the families spent over $75.

The amount spent on education and recreation was much smaller than the amount spent on medical care. The largest amount spent on education was $1,288. Next was $736, and the next $235. The smallest amount was $4.00. Half of the families spent more than $50 on education. The largest amount spent on recreation was $232, the smallest, $51. One-third of the families spent over $100 on recreation.

As for gifts and donations—over half reported giving over $200. The largest gift was $2,352, and the smallest, $10.

The largest total amount spent by any one family was $6,839. The smallest was $521. Over half the families spent as much as $2,000.

BURNING BEAUTIFULLY

(Winchester Star)

The English sense of humor, generally regarded wryly in this country, manifests itself in various forms unfamiliar to the American taste. A prime current example is the disparity implied in the letter-to-the-editor column of the London Times as to whether the Times is good for lighting fires.

Fires in England, where central heating is still not general, are important. In most American homes the wood-burning fireplace (coal is burned in few American fireplaces) provides an extra item of decoration or comfort. It is seldom needed for purposes of warmth.

Not so in England, which is where the Times appears on the hearth. A reader complained that he intended to transfer his custom to another paper because the Times does not burn well. Whereupon a peeress of the name of Balfour write to defend the Times, which "burns beautifully." What the complaining reader needed, wrote Lady Balfour, was a chimney sweep.

Use of newspapers to light fires is what economists would term an extension of their marginal utility. News is the most perishable of commodities. Yesterday's newspaper is dead, except for special researchers and, when bound and filed, for historians. News, as editors know, can be inflammable. Newsprint, delivered in the home, can be inflammable, too.

If that's to be a journalistic standard, the hope is expressed that this editorial and the other contents of this edition glow brightly. An editor cannot make the news cheerful in these dismal times, but if the newspaper, after being thoroughly read, kindles a bright flame on the hearth of its readers, its makers will be pleased by this demonstration of its versatility and usefulness.

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Lady Astor, of England, visiting in Virginia.

Balloons being used to fly messages over the "iron curtain."

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: 1 COR. 15:20-26
DEVOTIONAL READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Death to Life

Lesson for March 25, 1951

THE FLOWERS in the church on Easter morning will not have been there long. Less than 24 hours before, the church was dark and empty. At no time in the year does the church look gloomier than on Easter Eve. In many churches the altar is draped in black. Good Friday commemorates the saddest day in earth's history. Easter the most joyous. Yet they come only 48 hours apart. This reminds all Christians that neither Good Friday nor Easter stands by itself, but each gives meaning to the other.

Dr. Foreman

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Cross and Crucifix

THE Protestant churches usually have a cross. That is because Protestants wish to remember that the Cross is empty, that it is not a dead Jesus whom we worship, but a living, risen, reigning Christ.

Even in the churches where crucifixes are numerous, there may be pictures or statues representing the risen Christ. Suppose there had been only Good Friday, suppose that had been the end of Jesus? Then there would have been no particular point in the cross. It would have been the mere instrument of one more violent death, another case of justice gone wrong, another tragic failure.

The Resurrection showed who it was that hung upon the Cross; the Resurrection showed that the Cross was not a scene of failure but of victory. "Death could not keep its prey; He tore the bars away!" But on the other hand, what would the Resurrection have been without the Cross? Just another miracle—something to make our eyes pop, but not to make us grateful. The New Testament tells of or hints at many resurrections during the time of Christ; but it is not enthusiastic about any of them, with this one exception.

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Victim and Victor

THE New Testament represents the Resurrection in many lights. One of the most striking is that it was a reward, a reward for the Cross. That is, God "highly exalted" Jesus because of his willingness to die on behalf of others (Isaiah 53:12; Phil. 2:8). The Cross was the battle with the dark powers, and the victory; the Resurrection was the march of triumph.

On the Cross Jesus was both victim and victor; on Easter morning he was all the victor. The Cross was a perfectly natural event; by it Jesus underwent the worst that nature, and human sin, can do. On the Cross Jesus was murdered, for murder it was, however "legal" it was made to seem; and he called down no miracle to save himself.

But at the Resurrection Christ rose above nature, as nature's Lord. The early church preached both Cross and Resurrection, and it has never forgotten either one.

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"As He is, so are we . . ."

THERE is another important truth about the Cross and Resurrection. From the very beginning, the church has refused to think of these events as concerned with Jesus alone. The Christian who has begun to work deeply into the meanings of his faith will see farther than the child does. He will see both Cross and Resurrection from the inside.

The church has long taught that on the Cross God was doing something for us, and that through the Resurrection God is doing something for us. Paul expresses the life of a Christian as of one who is "dead with Christ" and "risen with Christ." The Christian life is thought of as one which has undergone both death and resurrection. Death to sin; rising to a new kind of life; death to a kind of existence in which we are slaves to what is worst in us; rising to a kind of life which we are "more than conquerors."

Not all Christians have understood this, to be sure. Perhaps the greater number of Christians think of their life as one of simply trying, not very hard, to do the best they can, and usually failing. But the really high-level Christians have discovered something more profound: that the Christian actually has access, by faith, to an inner power which is the very same that raised Jesus from the dead. Every Christian can share now in the resurrection-life of Christ. And this is the secret of Easter.

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VIRGINIA LOOKS FOR TRAVEL BUSINESS

Richmond, March 21.- Virginia can expect exceptional vacation and travel business this year from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware, a delegation of sixteen Virginians reported here today after a week's tour in that area, sponsored by the Virginia Travel Council. More than 900 officials of motor clubs, travel agencies, chambers of commerce, hotels and motor courts were contacted by the party during the week, and mass meetings of travel interests in Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia pledged their cooperation to Virginia resorts.

Headed by Albin Mailhes, of Virginia Beach, and J. Linwood Rice, of Richmond, the Virginians traveled in eight station wagons and placed approximately 250,000 booklets on the state during the tour and showed Virginia motion pictures to full meetings on six occasions. Leading newspapers and national magazines were also contacted.

In the Virginia party were Frank LeGrand, representing Williamsburg; C. A. Lukey, representing the Shenandoah National Park; James Colepand, of Charlottesville, representing the Piedmont area; George P. Arnold, representing the state of Virginia; George Serrett, representing the Virginia Historic Peninsula; Carroll Maloney, representing the Shenandoah Valley; T. B. Gay, representing Northern Virginia; Ted Graves of Luray, representing the Page Valley; Charles and Phil Gay, representing the Virginia Hotel Association; R. A. Blake, of the Waynesboro area; Miss Irma Pore, of Lynchburg, representing the fourteen hundred guest homes in Virginia; Frank Thompson, of Abingdon, representing Southwest Virginia, and Mr. Rice of the Virginia Travel Council staff.

Members of the party returned assured that travel in Virginia this year will break all records.

The tour is one of a series of business building excursions operated during the year under direction of the Virginia Travel Council.

HUNTING ACCIDENT FIGURES COMPILED

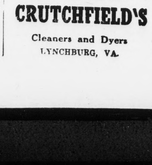
Final figures on hunting accidents occurring during the 1950-51 season in Virginia have been compiled by the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. A total of nine fatal and ten non-fatal accidents occurred in the Old Dominion during the season.

A breakdown of the accident report follows:

Accidents reported occurred in the period September 4, 1950 and January 18, 1951. Ages of the victims ranged all the way from 9 years to 52. Six of them were 16 years of age or under. Shotguns accounted for seven of the fatalities, and rifles for two. Of the non-fatal accidents, shotguns were involved in eight in 3. Five deaths were attributable to self-injuries, 4 to other shooters. Of the 10 non-fatal accidents, 8 were caused by person other than the victims, 2 were self-inflicted.

Causes of the accidents were varied. Two accidents occurred from guns unknown, 3 from stumbling and falling, 1 from clubbing game, 1 from hammer of gun catching, 1 from a stray bullet, 2 from carelessness in reloading gun, 1 from gun discharging for unknown reason, 3 because victim was not seen by shooter, 1 because victim moved into the line of fire, and 4 in which victims were mistaken for game.

A comparison of the 1950-1951 figures with figures for the 1949-1950 season shows an increase of accidental shootings over the previous year, 1 fatal and 2 non-fatal.



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NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,
To-wit: County of Appomattox.

In accordance with the provisions of Sec. 15-577 of the 1950 Code, notice is hereby given, that the Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County, will meet on April 11, 1951, at 10:00 a. m., at the Court House. Citizens will be heard for and against the following estimates of revenue and Expenditures at that time.

ESTIMATED REVENUES AND BORROWINGS, YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1952

Unexpended Surplus	$ 10,000.00
Collection Tax returned	1,300.00
Current Taxes & Lands Redeemed	500.00
Misc. Property - Transfers &c.	250.00
Misc. Licenses	300.00
Clerk, Atty. & Sheriff fees	175.00
Misc. from Banks & Refunds	280.00
Misc. State Forester	1,200.00
Fines; & Trial Justice Court fines	220.00
To be raised from current levies	71,220.00
Sec. A. B. C. profits & Wine Tax	27,600.00
Misc. Prisoners	1,000.00
Motor Vehicle Carriers Tax	300.00
Public Assistance Grants, State & Federal	30,000.00
Refund from Dog Tax & Other funds	1,400.00
Rehabilitation grants	500.00
	146,245.00
Estimated Delinquents	7,500.00
	$ 138,745.00

ESTIMATE OF PROPOSED EXPENDITURES - GENERAL COUNTY FUND - YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1952.

Board of Supervisors - Compensation, Auditing &c.	1,486.40
Treasurer - Comp. of Taxable Property, Comp. of Comr. Revenue, Deputy, mileage, and office supplies	2,938.00
Collection & Disbursement of Taxes &c - Comp. of Treasurer, Deputies, Bond Premiums, stationery & office supplies	5,205.00
Clerk of Court - Documents - Comp. of Clerk, supplement to Deputy, Auditing, stationery, & office supplies	2,645.00
Administration of Justice - Comp. of Circuit Judge, Jury Commissioners, compensation of Jurors & supplies for Trial	1,158.85
Commonwealth Attorney - Compensation &c.	1,095.00
Crime Prevention & Detection - Compensation of Sheriff, Deputy, Coroner, mileage, telephone &c.	2,080.00
Management & Care of Prisoners, Compensation of Janitor, Board of Prisoners, cleaning materials &c.	1,365.00
Conservation & Extinction - Extinction service &c.	1,500.00
Public Welfare - Compensation of Board Members, Superintendent, Assistants, Telephone, stationery,	7,025.00
Public Assistance - General Relief - Old Age Assistance, Aid to the Blind; Child Welfare - Foster Care & Hospitalization	33,990.00
Health - Commissioners - Comp. of Members, Transportation &c.	135.00
Public Health - Compensation of Health Officers & Inspectors, Sanitation Service, quarrantines &c.	3,200.00
Improvement of Agriculture & Home Economics - Extension County Agents & Home Dem. Agent, Clerk, fuel, electric current &c.	3,715.00
Elections - Compensation of Election Officials - Printing of Ballots, voting lists &c.	2,175.00
Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds - Janitor, electric service, Insurance, Repairs, Water service, material supplies & fuel	2,575.00
Miscellaneous Operating Functions - Comp. Supt. of Schools, Publishing documents, Workmens Comp. Ins., Bonds, Damages, set aside for emergencies &c.	6,527.42
Capital Outlay - Furniture & Fixtures &c.	400.00
Debt Service - Yearly Payments Literary Loans & Appropriation to Schools	49,429.68
Debt Service yearly payment on Carver High School	9,999.65
	$ 138,745.00

DOG TAX FUND

Estimated Dog License fees	$ 2,300.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

Commission of Game Warden - - Investigating claims	600.00
Dog Book & Tags	60.00
Killed Claims	150.00
Sheep Stock Claims	200.00
Rabies Treatment	50.00
Refunds to General Fund	1,240.00
	$ 2,300.00

ESTIMATE OF REGULAR SCHOOL FUNDS FOR

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1952

REVENUES, YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1952

Apportionment of State Funds	156,789.58
County Levies and Delinquent Taxes	79,573.89
Refunds of Supervisors	59,429.80
Miscellaneous Funds	10,075.00
Balance on Hand	14,264.07
Total Receipts	$320,132.34

ESTIMATE OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES, YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1952

Administration: Compensation of Board members, Superintendent and Clerk; post-age, telegrams, long distance calls, office supplies, Equipment, Secretary,	4,890.00
Travelling Expenses, Stationery	
Instruction: Compensation of Teachers, Day School;	200,114.04
Compensation of Special Vocational Instruction	
Instructional Costs: Clerks to Principals, Laboratory supplies, Tuition, Manual Training and Home Ec. Supplies, Free Textbooks, Libraries, Teaching Materials and General Supplies	10,300.00
Transportation of Pupils including Replacement of busses	50,007.00
Auxiliary Agencies, Cafeteria, Hauling Surplus Commodities, Purchase of cans for cannery and other miscellaneous expenses	13,406.00

Operation of Schools: Maintenance of Fixed Charges — Coal and wood, electric current, water, Janitor's supplies, Repairs to buildings and upkeep of grounds 26,750.00

Capital Outlay (not including construction of new building)	2,810.00
Debt Service (Interest and Principal on Literary Loans)	7,500.00
Balance	3,231.77
	1,129.53
	$ 320,132.34

Board of Supervisors of Appomattox County
F. L. Murphy, Chairman
C. W. Smith, Clerk.

Richwood

Richwood, March 20.- "He deserves praise who does not what he may, but what he ought."—Quoted.

The Sunbeam Band of Central Baptist Church is holding an Easter egg hunt at Mrs. C. R. Ferguson's home Saturday afternoon, 24 March at 2 o'clock. All Sunbeams are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hunter were the week-end guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited with Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh at Rocks Sunday afternoon.

Sharp Moore, of the U. S. Navy, spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Paulett and children were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvey Sunday.

Miss Marvis Wooldridge visited with Mrs. D. A. Pugh on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Alta Boaze and daughter, Myrna, of Atlanta, Ga., spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Esmond Pugh Wednesday, a baby girl, Emma May. All doing fine.

Route One

Appomattox, Route One, March 20.- The Susie Harr Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Richard Nash on Wednesday. Window treatment was demonstrated by the leaders, Miss Ava Chilton and Mrs. Nash.

Little Bettie Sharan Rosser is sick at this writing.

Mrs. Tommie O'Cull has received word of the illness of a sister in Ohio. Mrs. O'Cull expects to visit her soon.

Joe Marshall, of Lynchburg visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marshall on Sunday.

The people of this community enjoyed the REA meeting at Central Church, Friday night. Of course, the men was all the pretty prizes.

Mrs. Emma Mitchell, of Crewe, visited her uncle, L. B Hudson, on Monday.

Mrs. Raymond Rosser also visited in this home in the afternoon.

Bill Hudson has had flu for the past week, but is better at this writing.

Negro Extension News

A capacity crowd of farmers and their wives attended the recent county farmers' meeting held at the Galilee Baptist Church.

A brief summary of the speaker's subjects:

Mrs. Thelma T. Hewlett, Home Demonstration agent at large, spoke on farm and home relationship. She cited the important intragals of a farming plant and made the point that children are the most important crop on any farm. The value of giving children the benefit of our knowledge and experience was stressed.

Mr. A. H. Fuhr, Administrative officer of the Farm Credit Administration, related the benefit of his experience in traveling through the Southern states. He advanced the theory that he believed in and worked toward—that of "doing a job so well that you are doing more than you get paid for, while ultimately you will be working on a job that will pay you for work that you won't have to do." The strongest point with relation to his subject: "Do not borrow money to purchase food and clothing"; an unpardonable business arrangement; but "borrow money to make money," which is the soundest business principal.

Mr. L. L. Carey, lawyer from Lynchburg, related the definition of deeds and wills, and explained the importance of proper procedure of producing valid wills and deeds. His talk brought a number of questions from the audience. He explained that secret wills are useless; they must be written out and signed by at least two witnesses. The second question was: How does a wife go about getting her rights to a clear deed if the property is recorded only in the name of the husband? Answer: The husband must make a second deed to the farm just as if he were selling the property, only have the deed recorded in his wife's name, giving her full rights to one half the property.

DON'T PLANT SHRUBS TOO DEEP

Shallow-rooted plants, such as dogwood, holly, hemlock, boxwood, and rhododendron should be planted in shallow holes.

A. G. Smith, Jr., associate horticulturist at V. P. I., says if you try to plant them deep they die. Mulch with two inches of leafmold, or a mixture of sawdust and soil. In most cases, rhododendron will be helped with a light application of aluminum sulphate. Scatter the aluminum sulphate, and water as soon as the plants are set.

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